REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006. This Response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action.

The Examiner allowed claims 16-21, 37-46, and 49 and rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), claims 1, 15, 22, 36, 47, and 48. The applicant has canceled the rejected claims without prejudice so an analysis of the cited art is deemed unnecessary. The applicant has rewritten allowable dependent claims to include the limitations of their base claims or, in the alternative, to depend from a claim that has been rewritten to include the limitations of its base claim. Accordingly, claims 16-21, 37-46, and 48-49 are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

No new subject matter has been added by way of the above amendments. For the reasons given above, the applicants respectfully submit that Claims 16-21, and 37-46, and 48-49 are now in a condition for allowance. The applicant respectfully requests that all rejections be withdrawn and the application be allowed at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4305 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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